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# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### JUNE FLOOD VICTIMS STILL DISPLACED

by DANIEL PERSON, Big Horn County News (10/25/07)

Katheryn Old Crow, a 69-year-old counselor for the Lodge Grass School District, owns a home just a few blocks from where she helps kids keep their grades up and stay out of trouble.

### AG OFFICE: DETENTION CENTER CAN'T HOUSE WYOMING PRISONERS

by DANIEL PERSON, Big Horn County News (10/25/07)

The detention center in Hardin cannot house out-of-state felons without qualifying as part of the state prison system, according to a draft opinion released Wednesday by the Montana Department of Justice.

### LAKE CONFERENCE BRINGS GOVERNMENTS TOGETHER FOR COMMON DIALOGUE

By JACOB DORAN – Lake County Leader (10/25/07)



Gov. Schweitzer was one of many speakers urging protection of Flathead Lake. Ethan Smith/Leader file photo

Officers of the Flathead Basin Commission said they were please with the amount of interest and participation generated by last week's Lessons of the Lakes conference, which was held at the KwaTaqNuk resort in Polson.

The two-day conference, which was co-sponsored by the Flathead Basin Commission, Flathead Lakers and Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes, brought together more than 200 elected officials, municipality heads and citizens from North Dakota to California as well as the Canadian province of Alberta.

### MAN TOLD TO PAY \$15K FOR EAGLES' DEATHS

By CLAIR JOHNSON, The Gazette Staff (10/26/07)

The unintentional killing of three eagles will cost a Terry rancher \$15,000. U.S. Magistrate Judge Carolyn Ostby on Thursday sentenced Ronald Eugene Tibbetts, 61, to six months of unsupervised probation and ordered him to pay \$15,000 restitution. There was no fine.

### TEEN PLANS FOR RISKY SURGERY

By CATHY ULRICH, Billings Gazette (10/26/07)

Before her diagnosis with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Britana Bravo was an avid basketball player. The 17-year-old Lodge Grass girl showed no signs of illness until she collapsed while playing basketball last November.

### WORKPLACE ISSUES FACE EDUCATION LEADERS'

By MARY PICKETT, Billings Gazette (10/26/07)

Higher-education leaders heard some familiar themes - including that the state needs more trained workers - Thursday morning during one of the last listening

sessions organized by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

### **NATIONAL INDIAN AA CONVENTION IS HERE**

Billings Gazette (10/26/07)

The 17th annual Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous convention is in Billings this weekend. The events continue through Sunday at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana.

### **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON SATURDAY**

Char-Koosta News (10/25/07)

PABLO — This year's Tribal Council primary election is just a few days away. This Saturday, Oct. 27, the tribal membership will determine which of the following 24 candidates for five Council positions will make it to the general election Dec. 15:

- St. Ignatius district - Michael McElderry, Ron Trahan, Charles (Charlie) L. Morigeau, and David Durgeloh, Jr.;
- Pablo district - Lloyd D. Irvine, E. T. "Bud" Moran, Renee Camel Van Gunten, Wesley W. Benn, and Joe Dupuis;
- Hot Springs district - Nate Gray, Mike L. Kenmille, Leonard Delaware, Michael H. Dolson, and Gene Lozeau;
- Dixon district - Dee Dee Gingras, Elmer "Sonny" Morigeau, G. Martin Barnaby, Anita L. (Orr) Matt, Victor A. Charlo, and Terry Pitts;
- Arlee district - James H. Steele, Jr., Ron E. Couture, Tom Haynes, and Jami Hawk-Hamel.

### **OILSEED AND BIODIESEL PRODUCTION WORKSHOP FOLLOWED BY FUELS FOR SCHOOLS ON OCTOBER 30 AND 31, 2007.**

Char-Koosta News (10/25/07)

PABLO — Anyone interested in biodiesel production and how to raise oilseed crops can learn more about these topics at an upcoming oilseed and biodiesel workshop scheduled for October 30 and October 31. A fuels reduction and fuels for schools workshop will follow the afternoon of October 31.

### **VOLUNTEERS KEEP RESERVATION WARM THROUGH WEATHERIZATION**

By ALYSSA KELLY, Char-Koosta News (10/25/07)

PABLO — The wind was blowing, and while other school children were enjoying their day off last Friday, Youth Empowerment members were helping the Montana Conservation Corporation weatherize homes throughout the reservation. "This is going to help the people stay warm through the winter," says Youth Empowerment member, Michelle Salois.

### **SITTING BULL - FAMOUS NATIVE AMERICAN LEADER FROM FAMILY POINT OF VIEW**

By PAT HILL, Fort Peck Journal (Vol. 2007 Issue 32)

A new two-part DVD set about Sitting Bull relates the story of the famous Native American leader from his family's point of view, and also reveals some little-known history and lore about the Hunkpapa Sioux.

### **THIEVES ROB NATIVE ARTS**

By LOUIS MONTCLAIR, Fort Peck Journal (Vol. 2007 Issue 32)

Thieves broke into the Fort Peck Native Arts building in Wolf Point Tuesday night, stealing thousands of dollars in beadwork and crafts.

### **OUSTED SECRETARY SEEKS SEAT ON TRIBAL COUNCIL**

By VINCE DEVLIN of the Missoulian (10/26/07)

PABLO - A controversial decision to reassign the longtime executive secretary of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to other duties has ratcheted up interest in Saturday's primary election for five tribal council seats.

### **COBELL HISTORICAL ACCOUNTING TRIAL WRAPS UP**

Indianz.com (10/26/07)

After just 10 full days of testimony, the trial into the Indian trust fund historical accounting concluded in Washington, D.C., on Thursday.

## **NATIVE SCHOLAR TO SCREEN FILM ON BLACKFOOT CONNECTIONS TO LAND - THURSDAY, OCT. 25, 2007**

By JODI RAVE. The Missoulian (10/25/07)

Narcisse Blood will be in Missoula on Friday to introduce a film on the Blackfoot Tribe of southern Alberta and to participate in a full-day presentation on the subject Saturday.

## **JOB VACANCIES:**

### **JOB VACANCY AT THE DEPT. OF COMMERCE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, Position #:66511; Location: Helena; Division: Board of Investments; PAY BAND: 3; STATUS: Permanent, Full-time; JOB CODE: 436113; SUPPLEMENT: NO; ANNUAL SALARY: \$9.64 – \$12.05 (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of November 13, 2007. The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to [docapplicants@mt.gov](mailto:docapplicants@mt.gov).

## **GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

**MONTANA UNITED INDIAN ASSOCIATION** has a \$1,000 scholarship available to anyone interested in volunteering to help put on "Building Native Communities: Investing for the Future" courses.

Must be at least 17 years of age. Interested in learning more about investing. And able to attend a workshop on Nov 7, 8, and 9th at Fort Harrison. And then, must commit to assist in conducting workshops once a month over the next 10 months. The workshops will be offered during the evening from 5 to 7 pm. ***This is for the Helena area only.*** While the goal is to educate American Indians on investing for their future, no one will be turned away from attending.

For more information, please contact [Shawn White Wolf](#) at 406-594-3441.

## **FY 2007 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants is to fund fire prevention activities and to research and develop improvements to firefighter safety. Fire prevention grants are designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of deaths and injuries caused by fire and related hazards. Fire Prevention and Safety grants are separated into two "activities". The projects that can be funded are listed below: (1) Fire Prevention and Safety: Applicants can apply for up to three projects. Public education campaigns, Smoke Alarms, Sprinkler Awareness, Code Enforcement/Awareness, Firefighter Safety, Training, Wildfire Prevention /Awareness, Arson Prevention/Awareness, Risk Assessment, General Prevention/Awareness. Applicants requesting Risk Assessments are precluded for applying for additional projects. Fire departments are subject to the same cost-share requirements as under the AFG Grants. (2) Firefighter Safety Research and Development: Applicants can apply for a grant with up to a three year period of performance, but limited to \$1 million per application. For multi-year projects, they can divide the \$1 million over period of performance however they deem necessary.

Database/Data Collection and analysis projects/systems, Social Science Studies/Projects and Technology Studies that address injury outcomes or their surrogates such as firefighter safety, wellness, fitness or health

Link to Full Announcement: [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com)

## **EVENTS/TRAINING:**

### **DPHHS TO CONDUCT TELEPHONE SURVEY**

A telephone survey focusing on adult American Indian health issues will be conducted over the next several months, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) said Thursday.

According to Helen Amundson, program manager for the Montana Diabetes Project of DPHHS, American Indians over the age of 18 who live on or near Montana's seven reservations will be asked to participate in a survey dealing with chronic disease issues associated with heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes.

Amundson stresses this is a legitimate survey and nothing will be sold. The survey begins this month and should be completed by the end of December. Information collected will be used to help develop ways to improve prevention efforts. All personal information will be kept confidential.

Calls by DPHHS staff will be directed to some residents of all seven state reservations. The survey takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete per individual. Data will be collected from 1,000 people.

Amundson is grateful for those willing to take part in the project. "The information we collect from this survey will be a valuable tool for us down the road," she said.

For additional information please call Amundson at (406) 444-0593 OR Jon Ebelt, Media Relations Specialist  
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**Pennie Estrada** is the Director of the Small Business Utilization Center at the General Services Administration (GSA) Rocky Mountain Region VIII. Ms. Estrada is GSA's advocate for small, minority, HUBZone, Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business and women business owners. Their mission is to promote increased access to GSA's nationwide procurement opportunities.

**Ralph White** is an Assistant General Counsel in the Procurement Law Division within the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Since joining GAO in 1989, Mr. White has handled bid protests ranging from procurements of complex weapons systems to GSA building upgrades to pharmaceutical formularies.

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